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May 23, 1997

Mr. Dennis aRusso
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RE: Revised Schedule to Complete the Combined RI/FS for OU2

Dear Mr. aRusso:

Last September 10, 1996, EPA met with the RIRRC to discuss the schedule of the ongoing OU2 RI, RA and FS. At the time, there was an apparent discrepancy between EPA's and RIRRC's projected completion date for the combined RI/FS for OU2. On September 23, 1996, RIRRC's contractor, GZA, submitted two proposed schedules. One was the schedule if Task 5C was retained, and the other if Task 5C was omitted. EPA subsequently notified RIRRC that it approved Task 5C being omitted.

The latter schedule (Task 5C omitted) suggested that RIRRC could complete the combined RI/FS by late August 1997. Because of the September 23 submittal, EPA revised its tracking system to reflect the August 1997 date for RI/FS completion. In February 1997, EPA realized, however, that if the RI/FS was to be complete by August 1997, then we needed to receive a draft RI by early March 1997 to begin the Public Participation process.

John Courcier of my staff contacted Edward Summerly of GZA in late February 1997 to find out if a draft RI was forthcoming. GZA informed EPA at that time that due to certain delays, they would not complete the combined RI/FS by August 1997. Consequently, GZA was not prepared to submit the draft RI at that time. EPA requested that GZA submit an updated schedule to give us a better idea as to when the process would be completed. EPA also needed this information to update our tracking system.

To date, EPA has not received a new schedule. Therefore, I am requesting that RIRRC submit a revised schedule to EPA reflecting the projected completion date of the combined RI/FS. GZA said to EPA that another four or five months may have to be added to the September 23, 1996 schedule. If this is the case, RIRRC should provide justification why this additional delay is necessary.

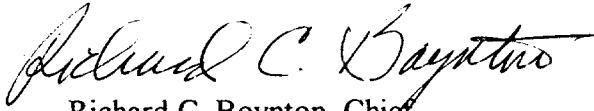


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If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at (617)573-9631.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard C. Boynton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Richard C. Boynton, Chief
NH & RI Superfund

cc: E. Summerly, GZA
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